

OPINION 1638

Holostaspis subbadius* var. *robustus* Berlese, 1904 (currently *Macrocheles robustulus*; Arachnida, Acarina): specific name conserved*Ruling**

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *rubustus* Berlese, 1904, as published in the trinomen *Holostaspis subbadius* var. *rubustus*, is hereby treated as an incorrect original spelling of the name *robustus*.

(2) The name *robustus*, as a correction of *rubustus* Berlese, 1904, as published in the trinomen *Holostaspis subbadius* var. *rubustus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *rubustus* Berlese, 1904, as published in the trinomen *Holostaspis subbadius* var. *rubustus* as an incorrect original spelling of *robustus*, as ruled in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2725

An application for the conservation of the widely used specific name of *Macrocheles robustulus* (Berlese, 1904) was received from Dr R.B. Halliday (C.S.I.R.O., Canberra, Australia) on 30 May 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 47: 24–26 (March 1990). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A note of 31 comments in support was published in BZN 47: 212 (September 1990).

A comment in support from Prof G.W. Krantz (Oregon State University, Corvallis, U.S.A.) noted that 'another bit of evidence as to Berlese's intentions regarding the spelling of this name [*robustus*] may be found on p. 155 of his unedited *Familia Gamasidae. Tribus Macrochelini* (Istituto Sperimentale per la Zoologia Agraria, Firenze). The drawing presented there is labeled '*Macrocheles subbadius* var. *robustus* Berl...'.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 47: 25. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Holthuis and Kraus.

Dupuis abstained because the application had been published for less than a year.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

robustus, *Holostaspis*, Berlese, 1904, *Redia*, 1: 264 (incorrectly spelled as *rubustus*).

rubustus, *Holostaspis*, Berlese, 1904, *Redia*, 1: 264 (an incorrect original spelling of *robustus*).